

are *men enough*. They will hit us with something, stones or a piece of stick. If they do that I will jump out and follow them." (Nature of a *double dare*, a *dare* on each side.) Just as they went close by the rock where the wild Indians were a little stone fell in the water. Just then the old man paddled for the shore. He saw the wild Indians running away all their worth leaving some pipes and tobacco and other things that they did not have time to pick up, which this old man took away and got home safely.

Notes by G. E. L.—The expression "men enough" or "man enough" means "brave enough" or "courageous or daring enough," or "able to do such and such a thing." "Wild Indians," in this sense, means non-Reserve Indians, or "bush Indians." The man and his son were Rama Reserve Indians. The others were probably a roving band out for plunder, but not on the war path.

These Mohawks were for robbing this old man, but were scared away when they got to Lake Conchiching by the Rama Indians.

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THUNDERBIRDS. (No. 3.)

Told by Jonas George.

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About four hundred years ago, as the Indians tell it, there were six camps of Indians somewhere in Canada. One man was newly married and was out hunting in the bush trying to catch some game. It was in the fall hunting, and he camped there all fall till the lake froze up. He hunted beaver through the ice. He cut holes through the ice to find the hole in the ground where the beaver went in. (Bank beaver who live in holes in the banks of lakes and rivers.) He hunted with a dog. This man's father heard what they said (rumours). Trouble might come at night on the ice. Might be something come on you or happen to you, so the man went to go home after dark and crossed the ice, about two hundred yards across. There was little moonlight. He got about half way over, and for just a moment he could see the moon. Something just like a dark cloud came over the moon and he heard something over his head which came down (this was a big monster eagle with wings about twenty feet long and body about eight feet wide) so this big bird (Thunderbird) caught the man in its claws and took him up in the sky and the man never knew anything for a long time, and was taken right over the clouds. This man began to wake up laying inside the big bird's claws. He has his pole (ice chisel) in his hand yet, what he used to cut through the ice with in hunting for beaver. This man is big and heavy. The eagle had long claws about twelve inches long, lots of room for the man to lay in them. This man looks up and sees a rock where the eagle goes to, a big bluff and a very high place. The eagle takes a rest on top. The eagle lets the man go. The man looks around and sees some young eagles sitting down. The man takes a "sit down" and looks at the young birds who are moving all the time towards him. The man began to be afraid of them.

The old eagle took the man for food. The man had the pole in his hand and walks towards the young birds and hit one of them and killed it, rolled it to the edge of the rock, opened the belly, took all the insides out, and went in himself. He had string to close up the opening by sewing. The man began moving and the bird fell down off the rock. He can't tell where he goes down for a long time. He